

Forthcoming Events

Tucson III - Toward a Science of Consciousness - April 27th-May 2nd 1998

This mega-meeting on consciousness will bring together representatives from a wide variety of disciplines who will seek not just answers but also what questions to ask. Topics will include philosophy, neuroscience, cognitive science, physical and biological sciences, culture and phenomenology. Abstracts are due by mid-September. Updates can be obtained on <http://www.consciousness.arizona.edu> and further details by post from Consciousness Studies, University of Arizona, Extended University, PO Box 210158, 888 North Euclid Avenue, #301R, Tucson, AZ 85721-0158, USA.

Psychology of the Observer

The beginning of the project is the congress 'Human Consciousness Development in Science' on the 19th of September in the Centro d'Ompio, Italy. During the last 50 years meditation has become more and more important in western culture. Meditation is a searching inside where we discover an **inner light**, a so-called **cosmic consciousness**. The premise is that once we are in contact with our inner light we only create things which are supporting life. Today man is often disconnected with the inner light. This is the reason for destructive inventions in science and technology. The purpose of this subject is to reconnect man with the inner light, so that he can create a better world. From the existence of the Observer, disregarded by most Western psychologies, the project moves on to the realization of the Observer. Details: Amrit Sorli, Pratolungo, 28028 Pettenasco (No), Italy. Fax: +39 323 888 980. Website: www.ompio.it E-mail: mail@ompio.it

IRNES Conference, September 22nd-23rd

The Interdisciplinary Research Network on the Environment and Society will hold its sixth conference on 'Technology, the Environment and Us' at Imperial College in London. The five key themes are: communication, application of technology, technology and behaviour, sustainability and human needs and the environment. Details: Andy Dixon, Graduate School of the Environment, Imperial College, London SW7 2AZ. Tel: +44 171 594 5976. E-mail: a.dixon@ic.ac.uk

Schumacher Lectures, October 18th

Entitled 'From the Region, for the Region', this year's Schumacher Lectures will feature Winona LaDuke on *Indigenous Perspectives at the Edge of the Millennium*, Patrick Holden of the Soil Association on *Healthy Soil, Healthy People* and Hermann Scheer on *Solar Power, Regional Future*. They will take place at the Colston Hall in Bristol. Details: Schumacher Society, Foxhole, Dartington, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EB. Tel: 01803 865051.

Marco Pallis Conference, October 18th

This conference at Regent's College on 'Spirituality, Technology and Sustainable Futures' will be chaired by Teddy Goldsmith and will feature Dr. Ruth Conway, Director of Beliefs and Values in Technology at Selly Oak Colleges and Peter Harper from the Centre of Alternative Technology. The questions addressed will include: what kind of technologies do we need to abandon and adopt? What changes will this involve in our values and lifestyle? What corresponding kind of spiritual practice and education are required? Details from Friends of the Centre, 8th Floor, Rodwell House, Middlesex Street, London E1 7HU. Tel: 0171 377 0604

Gregorian Chanting Weekend, October 24th-26th

Professor Igor Reznikoff, professor of ancient music in the University of Paris, will lead a weekend on the art of Gregorian Chanting as a healing energy and the rediscovery of the Music of the Spheres at Brook House, Avening, Tetbury, Glos GL8 8NS. Early booking essential.

International Foundation for the Investigation of Science and Theology, October 23rd-26th, St. Petersburg

The P.A. Florensky Foundation will hold a congress around a number of themes: religion and sociality, religious aspects of socio-political theories; ecological problems in religious social doctrines, the problem of the future of mankind in philosophical and religious theories and social programmes of modern traditional religions and new religious movements. Any abstracts need to be in by 10th October. Details: Prof. Alexander Soldatov, College of Human and Social Sciences, St. Petersburg Marine Technical University, 101 Leninsky Prospekt, St. Petersburg 198262, Russia. Fax: +7 812 157 1277.

The Food Health Connection, 8th November

Subtitled 'A diet for our children's future' and sponsored by the Good Gardeners' Association. Speakers include Dr. Peter Mansfield, Prof. Derek Bryce-Smith, Dr. Rosy Daniel and Prof. R.W. Lacey. Details: GGA, Pinetum, Churcham, Glos GL2 8AD. Tel: 01452 700306.

Human Resources and Future Generations, 6th-8th November

This conference focusing on islands and small states will take place on Malta and will cover new economic development models, human resources development and alternative educational models. A major concern is education and mobilization of the public to care for posterity. Secretariat: Future Generations Programme, University Building, St. Paul's Street, Valletta, VLT 07, Malta. Fax: +356 230 551. E-mail: lbrig@cis.um.edu.mt

Dartington Hall Weekends

3rd-5th October - *Economic Localization: The Spiritual, Social and Environmental Benefits* with Helena Norberg-Hodge.

17th-19th October - *Intuition: The Forgotten Power of Stillness*, with Prof. Guy Claxton.

31st October-2nd November - *It's More Than Just Standing Up and Singing* with Anthony Rooley and Evelyn Tubb.

Details: Lyn Brown, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EL. Tel: 01803 866688.

ECSAT '98

The 7th European Conference on Science and Theology will take place in Durham from 31st March to 5th April 1998. The theme will be 'The Person: Perspectives from Science and Theology'. The conference will include plenary lectures, a panel debate, plenary discussions and working group sessions. Abstracts were due in by May 31st. Further details from C. Wiltsher, 33 Briardene, Durham DH1 4QU.

Light '98

This conference on the therapeutic use of light in orthodox and complementary medicine and in remedial education will take place at Reading University from 8th-10th July. Lectures will cover phototherapy, the nature of light itself, its associations with consciousness and the mystics as well as the divine healing source. The first call for papers will shortly appear. Further details from Primrose Cooper at The Meridian Centre, 6 Larnach Close, Uckfield, East Sussex TN22 1TH. Tel/fax: +44 1825 762964.

Medicinal Plants for Survival, February 1998

This major international meeting on medicinal plants conservation, utilization, trade and cultural traditions will take place from 16th-20th February 1998 in Bangalore. It will address conservation science and action, policy and community issues, cultivation and non-Western knowledge systems. There will be seven key sections to the meeting. Abstracts are due by the end of September and further details can be obtained from the conference secretariat at FRLHT, No. 50, MSH Layout, 2nd Stage, 3rd Main, Anandnagar, Bangalore 560024, India. Fax:+91803334167. E-mail:root@frlht.ernet.in

Other Events:

Thursday September 11th, 6.30 p.m., Society for Psychical Research, (SPR) Lecture theatre of Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, London W8. Maurice Grosse on *Sights and Sounds of Survival*.

Monday September 22nd, 7.30 p.m. Tara Trust, Eastbourne. Philip Carr-Gomm on *The Sacred Landscape*. Details: 01323 643819.

Thursday October 2nd, 6.30 p.m., SPR (at the Royal Society). Prof. David Fontana on *Psychical Research and the Millennium: New Light on the Nature of Man*.

Thursday October 9th, 6.30 p.m., SPR (as 11 Sep). Dr. Vernon Harrison on *H.P. Blavatsky and the SPR: The Bearing of the Mahatma Letters in the British Library on the Hodgson Report of 1895*.

Tuesday October 14th, 7.00 p.m., College of Psychic Studies (CPS), 16 Queensberry Place, London SW7. Dr. Christine Page on *Health Care in the Third Millennium*.

Sunday October 19th, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. CPS (see above) Dr. Christine Page on *Multi-Dimensional Healing*.

Tuesday October 21st, 7.00 p.m., CPS. Special Open Forum with Beata Bishop, Andrew Henderson and Harriet Copperman: *Coping with Life-Threatening Illness*.

Tuesday October 28th, 7.00 p.m., CPS. Dr. Serena Roney-Dougal on *The Faerie Faith of Britain*.

Tuesday November 4th, 7.00 p.m., CPS. Rob Preece on *Tibetan Buddhism and Jung - New Perspectives*.

Tuesday November 4th, 6.30 p.m., SPR. John Beloff on *What Makes the Paranormal so Elusive?*

Sunday November 8th, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.. CPS. Jennifer Adderley and John Doyle on *Eckhart and Creativity*.

Tuesday 18th November, 8.00 p.m., The Study Society, Colet House, 151 Talgarth Road, London W14. Alistair Shearer on *The Unfolding of Natural Law: Images of Creation in Indian Art*.

Thursday December 4th, 6.30 p.m., SPR. Nancy Zingrone on *Failing to Go the Distance: Critics and their Attitude towards Spontaneous Phenomena*.

Monday 8th December, 5.00 p.m., British Society for the Philosophy of Science, Room T206, LSE, Houghton Street, London WC2. Prof. Bernard Willaims on *Science, Ethics and the Environment: How Not to Transcend Ourselves*.

Wednesday 10th-Friday 12th December. University of Exeter 4th Annual Symposium on *Complementary Health Care*. Abstracts due 1st September. Details from Elizabeth Stewart, +44 1392 424989.